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Re: Attorney Docket No. 113737.5

In re application of: Christine Gauss, Martin Horn, Markus Kalkum and Holger Eickhoff

Serial No.: 09/647,910
Filed: 10/06/00
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TAKING SAMPLES FROM POLYMER SUPPORT MATERIALS

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German Utility Model No. G 9212524.7 (Reference AE) discloses a sample cutting and transport device adapted for simultaneous cutting of samples from a metallic material and for transferring the samples to a receiving station. The object of the conventional technique is an analysis of metallic materials, in particular steel.

G 9212524.7 represents technological background with regard to the sample taking technique disclosed in the present application. G 9212524.7 does not disclose the successive (separate) taking of samples.

East German Patent No. DD 50356 (Reference AF) discloses a cutting device for paper samples. The object of the cutting device disclosed in DD 50356 is an improvement of cut paper samples with respect to the precision of the cutting.

DD 50356 represents technological background with regard to the sample taking technique disclosed in the present application. DD 50356 does not disclose the successive (separate) taking of samples.

East German Patent No. DD 83659 (Reference AG) discloses a device for automatic cutting of agar samples. The cutting device (see Figure 1) contains only one cutting tool 16.

DD 83659 represents technological background with regard to the sample taking technique disclosed in the present application. It does not disclose the successive cutting of a plurality of samples and the parallel transfer of all samples to a receiving station.

German Patent No. DE 3043419 (Reference AH) discloses a device for automatic cutting of agar samples. The cutting device (see Figure 1) contains only one cutting tool.

DE 3043419 represents technological background with regard to the sample taking technique disclosed in the present application. It does not disclose the successive cutting of a plurality of samples and the parallel transfer of all samples to a receiving station.

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German Patent No. PS 19628178 (Reference AI) corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,770,860, submitted herewith.

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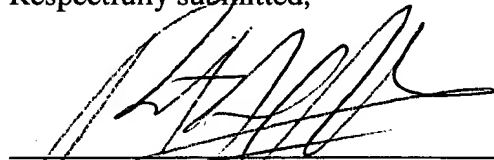
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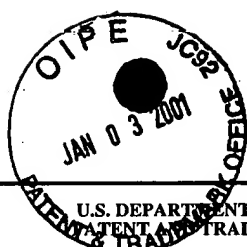
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